

Between Module Course Reading

MODULE 6

Reading 1: Thinking skills and graphic organisers (Debbie Draper)

- A useful tool to teach all children to use – organising their thoughts, processes, planning procedures, see what they know and what they don't. Have tried to before but perhaps need to dedicate more time to it as think it is a great tool to use.
- Give the student the ability to visually analyse, brainstorm, compare and contrast, see causes and effects, sequencing, evaluating, noting, recalling, planning, help with presentations etc.
- I have used brainstorming organisers a lot in whole class introductions of a new unit. Have also asked the children to create their own and add to it throughout the unit when they learn something new. Used compare and contrasts in literacy - venn diagrams - when comparing characters in a book.
- Really like the consequence wheel – very clear for students to follow their own thoughts and reasoning.
- Being a visual learner can see the real positive sides of creating visual maps. Going to try and use a lot more in my planning.
- Good transition for Y6 to Senior School – life skill.

Good website to download templates for all types of organisers is:

<http://my.hrw.com/nsmedia/intgos/html/igo.htm>

Great downloadable pdf templates:

http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/multimedia/graphic-organizers-collection/?ar_a=1&ar_r=1

Variety of interactive mind maps:

www.modellearning.com

Free mindmap software can be downloaded from:

<http://www.edrawsoft.com/freemind.php>

Also prezis are a great visual tool:

<http://prezi.com/>